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$$-15^\circ \leq \Delta\phi < 0^\circ.$$

14. A method of recording/reproducing optical information, comprising the steps of: projecting light in spots with respect to both first and second portions of a recording layer of the optical information recording medium according to claim 5; and forming recording marks having mark lengths nT to mT to perform recording, so that $IL1$ and $IL2$ satisfy a relation of $1 < (IL2/IL1) < 1.3$.

15. A method of recording/reproducing optical information, comprising the steps of: projecting light in spots with respect to both first and second portions of a recording layer of the optical information recording medium according to claim 6; and forming recording marks having mark lengths nT to mT to perform recording, so that $IL1$, $IS1$, $IL2$ and $IS2$ satisfy a relation of

$$0.7 < (IS2/IL2)/(IS1/IL1) < 1.$$

16. A method of recording/reproducing optical information, having a step of projecting light in spots using an objective lens with respect to both first and second portions of a recording layer using the optical information recording medium according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein assuming that a wavelength of the light is λ , a numerical aperture of the objective lens is NA , and a shortest mark length of the recording mark is ML , $0.25 < NA \cdot ML / \lambda < 0.38$ is established.

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